Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Arthur Henry Helm and Frieda Belle Sieler exchanged their wedding vows on November 28, 1935, at a rural Lutheran Church near Java, South Dakota, promising to share their lives and love together for the rest of their days; and,

Whereas, Arthur and Frieda gave life and love to four children, who went on to procreate 17 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren; four grandsons have served in the war with Iraq and two grandchildren are volunteer members of the armed forces; and,

Whereas, Arthur and Frieda farmed for 55 years, and in 1990, they purchased a home in Java, but Arthur still enjoys going out to the farm to work on machinery or help his son, Dwight, who farms the land. Arthur also enjoys working in the yard and Frieda is an excellent cook and enjoys preparing her favorite German dishes; and,

Whereas, The newly-wed couple of 68 years ago has been replaced by two devoted partners who have shared life's beauty and sorrow, and have grown to love one another more because of their common journey; and,

Whereas, Through their lifelong dedication to the values of caring and sharing, Arthur and Frieda have helped make South Dakota a great place to live and work; and,

Whereas, Arthur and Frieda's friends and family will gather at an open house on November 29, 2003, to honor and celebrate their 68th Anniversary with all the good wishes fanfare and celebration such an event warrants; and,

Whereas, It is altogether fitting and proper that the Governor of South Dakota recognizes and commemorates the memorable milestones in the lives of the state's outstanding citizens:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim November 28, 2003, as

ARTHUR AND FRIEDA HELM DAY

in South Dakota, and I join with the honored couple's family and friends in wishing them continued health and happiness in a state that stands prouder today because of their contributions and commitment..

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Seventeenth Day of November in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State